

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

GOOD NEWS! God loves and yearns to redeem all people. The Bible clearly outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join one of the following ways:

1. **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM**
2. **LETTER OF TRANSFER** or recommendation from a previous Christian church with prior baptism; or a
3. **SATISFACTORY STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN FAITH** and prior baptism

Members shall strive to be faithful to Christian principles as outlined in scripture and support the mission of the church through attendance, prayer, service and monetary giving. The *first step* to becoming a member is to *come forward* during the singing of the last hymn so you can share your decision with the congregation.

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *I am glad you have joined us in the Sanctuary and Online!* We are a small church with a big heart for our neighbors. Please contact me if you would like to know more about being a follower of Jesus, need personal prayer, or want to request a visit!

Blessings, ~ Pastor Ivan

STRATEGIC PLAN TO REOPEN - The Church Council will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12 to finalize their strategic plan to open the building in cooperation with the State of Kansas, Shawnee County, and our denominational leadership. Our top priority is the health and safety of our families and neighbors. At this

time, ***the building will remain CLOSED to the public during PHASE 1 (until May 18)***. All worship services will continue to be broadcast LIVE on Facebook and YouTube. ***Religious Services (including funerals and weddings) will NOT be restricted to the mass gathering limitations set by state and county orders; however, participants must comply with all public health codes and hygiene practices.*** Non-religious gatherings (e.g., choirs, classes, conferences, meetings, etc.) are restricted to the mass gatherings limitations of each phase (See Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas). Therefore, Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and small group gatherings will remain online through the month of May. Community assistance programs will operate as mobile distribution sites. All Shawnee County residents should comply with all health codes and public orders, including:

1. **Clean and Disinfect Surfaces** – The church will follow industry-specific guidelines and business sector best practices
2. **Cloth Face Masks** – Persons are asked to wear cloth masks
3. **Maintain Social Distancing** (individual or family groups must stay at least 6' feet apart; refrain from hugging, shaking hands, or



other forms of contact; no greeters or ushers)

4. **Minimize or Eliminate Non-Essential Travel**
5. **No Visits to Long-term Care Facilities or Correctional Facilities**
6. **Practice Good Hygiene** (e.g., wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; cover coughs and sneezes into an elbow or tissue, throw the used tissue away and immediately wash your hands)
7. **Remain Home when Sick or a Family Member is Sick** (follow isolation/quarantine orders issued by state or local health officers)
8. **Stay Informed** (e.g., local and county governments retain authority to impose equal or more stringent restrictions on businesses during the phases, except as to essential functions in KEFF and constitutionally protected rights)

High-risk individuals should consider providing more intensive precautions and should conduct themselves as if they are a significant risk to the high-risk individual, including *staying-safe-at-home*. High-risk individuals include those with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or who are otherwise immunocompromised. See the State of Kansas “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas” (<https://covid.ks.gov>) and the Shawnee County Health Department website (<https://www.snco.us/hd>) for more information.

BABY CLOSET – The Baby Closet is CLOSED to the public until further notice to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19). Families can leave a message on the Baby Closet voice mail for diapers, formula, ointment, and wipes. A volunteer will return the message within 48 hours. Families may pick-up supplies on **WEDNESDAYS from 3:30-5:30 pm at the North Door.**

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – Pastor is leading the Wednesday EVENING Bible Study online at 6:30 PM via ZOOM (see email for Meeting ID number and Password). Join this one-hour small group study of “**THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.**” Bible studies are free and open to the public.

CAMP CANCELED - We have received word from the ABCCRegion and the Green Lake Conference center: Regional camps will not be meeting in person and the Quest Youth Camp is canceled during the 2020 summer.

FOOD PANTRY - Free Fruit and Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, while supplies last. MOBILE SITE: enter western PARKING



LOT from 4th and CLAY Streets; do not park or exit your vehicle. Program Eligibility: Permanent residents in the Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for holiday and weather-related closures. Equal Opportunity. *All food is available at no cost. *Wear a face mask to protect the health and safety of our volunteers.*

APRIL 2020 PANTRY REPORT: 1,557 Individuals (739 adults, 550 children, and 268 seniors) in 405 families were able to receive 7,782 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of April 2020. This is a 98.98% increase in the number of individuals seeking help (a 117.82% increase in the number of children being feed) in twice the number of families receiving free food compared to two months ago, prior to the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic.

HOSPITAL & EMERGENCIES – If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital for an emergency or for surgery, **the hospital staff and chaplains’ office will NOT contact the Church Office or the Pastor. You or a family member must call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or the PASTOR at HOME (785) 267-0936.** Pastor is willing to visit the hospital and pray prior to surgeries.

FINANCIAL GIVING – Thank you for the generous support of the work of God in and through West Side Baptist Church. Donations report:

	<u>05-03-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 61,456.62
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$	\$ 3,380.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
Am. OGHS	\$	\$ 100.00
Am. M &M	\$	\$ 100.00
Am WMO	\$	\$ 100.00
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,100.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 25.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 2,353.00

Please mail your gifts to the Church, drop off in the secure mailbox, or give ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:15 am

10:30 am

MOTHER'S DAY

NO Sunday School **Canceled**

Online Worship **Facebook or Youtube**

MONDAY, MAY 11

9:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED

No Baby Closet **Closed**

TUESDAY, MAY 12

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

No Men's Chorus **Canceled**

Council Meeting **Holmer Hall or Zoom**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

3:30 – 5:30 pm

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6:30 pm

Baby Closet **North Door**

Food Pantry **Parking Lot**

Bible Study **Online Zoom**

THURSDAY, MAY 14

FRIDAY, MAY 15

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:00 am

1:30 pm

Clean and Disinfect the Sanctuary

Worship Team

SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:15 am

10:30 am

No Sunday School

Worship

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)

Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing for health concerns

Carpenter, Harry, and Pat – Healing for health concerns

Decker, Chelle – Healing for health concerns

Gayle in Garnet, KS – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's friend)

Goff, Jim – Healing for health concerns

Lewis, Joanna – Health concerns (Nelda and Jack Janway's grandniece)

Lightcap, The Very Rev. Torey – Health (Dean of Grace Epi. Cathedral)

Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing for health concerns

Lundgren, Hilda – Healing for health concerns, Brewster Place rehab.

May, Nancy – Healing for health concerns

May, Steve – Healing for health concerns

Morris, Don, and Molly – Healing for health concerns; hospice care

Springer, Keith – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)

Springer, Larry – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)

Swank, Kim – Healing for health concerns

Zab, Lola – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)

Zab, Rachel & Ethan – Birth of twins (Marianne Spano's great-nephews)

Church and people in:

- India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka (03-09 May 2020)†
- Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal (10-16 May 2020)†

Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery

International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)

National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty

School Staff, Students, Teachers, and Parents – Continuous Learning

Ward Meade Neighborhood and WWW Kids Bible Club

†Ecumenical Prayer Cycle "In God's Hands - Common Prayer for the World" from the World Council of Churches (<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>)

HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:

*Cunningham, June – Brewster Place

*Dell, Shirley & Larry

*Goodnow, Grace

*Farrar, Helen – Plaza West

*Haney, Gerald

*Hunter, Russ

*Johnson, Mary Lou – Aldersgate

*Kieffer, Alice

*Lundgren, Hilda

*May, Renea

*Moody, Rogene – Homestead

*Penny, Theo

*Perkins, Edward

*Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa